

22.109(455B) General permits.

22.109(1) Applicability. The director may issue a general permit for multiple sources that contain a number of operations and processes which emit pollutants with similar characteristics and that have substantially similar requirements regarding emissions, operations, monitoring and record keeping. General permits shall not be issued to Title IV affected sources except as provided in regulations promulgated by the administrator under Title IV of the Act.

22.109(2) Issuance of general permits. General permits may be issued by the director and codified in this chapter following notice and opportunity for public participation consistent with the procedures contained in subrule 22.107(6). Public participation shall be provided for a new general permit, for any revision of an existing general permit, and for renewal of an existing general permit. Permit review by the administrator and affected states shall be provided consistent with subrule 22.107(7). Each general permit shall identify criteria by which sources may qualify to operate under the general permit and shall comply with all requirements applicable to other Title V permits.

22.109(3) Applications. Any source that would qualify for a general permit must apply for either (a) coverage under the terms of the general permit or (b) an individual Title V permit. Applications for authority to operate under the terms of a general permit shall be made on the "General Permit Application Form" and shall specify the general permit concerned by citing the subrule containing that general permit. These applications may deviate from the Title V individual permit application but shall include all information necessary to determine qualification for, and to ensure compliance with, the general permit. If a source is later determined not to qualify for the terms and conditions of the general permit, then the source shall be subject to enforcement action for operation without a Title V operating permit.

22.109(4) General permit content. A general permit shall include all of the following:

a. The terms and conditions required for all sources authorized to operate under the permit;

b. Emission limitations and standards, including those operational requirements and limitations that ensure compliance with all applicable requirements at the time of the permit issuance;

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- c. A compliance plan;
- d. Monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit. These requirements shall ensure the use of consistent terms, test methods, units, averaging periods, and other statistical conventions consistent with the applicable emissions limitations, standards, and other requirements contained in the general permit;
- e. The requirement to submit at least every six months the results of any required monitoring;
- f. References to the authority for the term or condition;
- g. A provision specifying permit duration as a fixed term not to exceed five years;
- h. A severability clause provision pursuant to subrule 22.108(8);
- i. A provision for payment of fees pursuant to subrule 22.108(10);
- j. A provision for emissions trading pursuant to subrules 22.108(11) and 22.108(13);
- k. Other provisions pursuant to subrule 22.108(9);
- l. Statement that the Title V permit is to be kept at the site of the source as well as at the corporate offices; and
- m. The process for individual sources to apply for coverage under the general permit.

22.109(5) Action on general permit application.

- a. Once the director has issued a general permit, any source which is a member of the class of sources covered by the general permit may apply to the director for authority to operate under the general permit.
- b. Review of a general permit application. The director shall grant the conditions and terms of a general permit to all sources that apply and qualify under the identified criteria.

c. The director may grant a source's request for authorization to operate under a general permit without repeating the public participation procedures followed in subrule 22.109(2). However, such a grant shall not be a final permit action for purposes of judicial review.

22.109(6) General permit renewal. The director shall review and may renew general permits every five years. A source's authorization to operate under a general permit shall expire when the general permit expires regardless of when the authorization began during the five-year period.

22.109(7) Relationship to individual permits. Any source covered by a general permit may request to be excluded from coverage by applying for an individual Title V permit. Coverage under the general permit shall terminate on the date the individual Title V permit is issued.

22.109(8) Permit shield for general permit. Each general permit issued under this chapter shall specifically identify all federal, state, and local air pollution control requirements applicable to the source at the time the permit is issued. The permit shall state that compliance with the conditions of the permit shall be deemed compliance with any applicable requirements as of the date of permit issuance. Any permit under this chapter that does not expressly state that a permit shield exists shall be presumed not to provide such a shield. Notwithstanding the above provisions, the source shall be subject to enforcement action for operation without a permit if the source is later determined not to qualify for the conditions and terms of the general permit.

22.109(9) Revocations of authority to operate.

a. The director may require any source or a class of sources authorized to operate under a general permit to individually apply for and obtain a Title V permit at any time if:

(1) The source is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit;

(2) The director has determined that the emissions from the source or class of sources is contributing significantly to ambient air quality standard violations and that these emissions

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are not adequately addressed by the terms and conditions of the general permit; or

(3) The director has information which indicates that the cumulative effects on human health and the environment from the sources covered under the general permit are unacceptable.

b. The director shall provide written notice to all sources operating under that general permit of the proposed revocation of that general permit. Such notice shall include an explanation of the basis for the proposed action.

